

WON'T PERMIT MURDER CHEERS TO BE SHIELDED

Temporary Secrecy Enforced by Taulane After Burkhart's Confession

MORE ARRESTS COMING

By a Staff Correspondent NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Eugene Morik, Assistant District Attorney of Bronx Borough, today that if the Philadelphia police department or the District Attorney's office of that city attempt to withhold the names of facts about the man "highest up" in the conspiracy in the confession of William Burkhart, alias "Whitey," who is one of the four alleged gunmen arrested here for the Fifth Ward election assault, the Bronx District Attorney would make the names public.

This statement was made by Mr. Morik after Joseph A. Taulane, Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia, had refused to make public the confession of Burkhart. "Our office and the local detectives, under the command of Captain Wines, worked hard to get this confession from Burkhart and afterward extended the Philadelphia officials the courtesy of taking back a copy of his confession," District Attorney Morik said. "At his request we have promised to remain silent about the detail of Burkhart's statement, but only with the understanding that Mr. Rotan will give the facts as such he thinks will not hinder their activities," said Mr. Morik.

"I will promise you that we will block any attempt to hush up this scandal. We know nearly as much about this case as the Philadelphia authorities do."

WIRE TAPPED IN NEW YORK Mr. Morik declared today that his office believes wires leading into the Bronx Court House building have been "tapped" by men wishing to serve certain interests in Philadelphia. He also named a high New York City official, who, he believes, is co-operating with certain parties in Philadelphia in attempting to defeat the investigation into the Fifth Ward murder.

When Mr. Taulane was asked last night for the names of the "higher-ups" said to have been named by Burkhart, he declined to answer that question. "I have nothing to say about this confession," he said. "Come to Philadelphia and see District Attorney Rotan."

TAULANE FORCES RETICENCE Up to this time, the Bronx District Attorney and the detective of that district have not information about the gunmen under arrest there as soon as they received it. But the arrival of Assistant District Attorney Taulane at the Bronx Court House was soon followed by a reticence on the part of the Bronx officials. Mr. Morik and Captain of Detectives Andrew Wines admitted that they were asked by Mr. Taulane not to discuss the confession with newspapermen. Even the Philadelphia detectives, including William Callahan, Charles Fischer and Joseph McClellan, the first attorney's detective, were forbidden to talk, although they built up the case around Burkhart.

That the confession is of the utmost importance is borne out by the fact that it took more than two hours to dictate it. At the end of that time, Captain Wines sent detachments of detectives in automobiles to search for persons mentioned by Burkhart. Taulane rushed to the long-distance phone and got in touch with Mr. Rotan.

Attorneys by the New York detectives are expected hourly. District Attorney Rotan has already announced that arrests are near in Philadelphia.

THUGS ASKED EXTENSION Detective William Lathan attended the hearing of Ruggiero Falcone, Michael Denchey, "Straight Louis," Brunelli and Burkhart, in the Bronx police court. On the plea of the four defendants, Magistrate Koenig held them without bail for a further hearing Saturday. They asked for this extension of time in order to produce witnesses who would prove an alibi for them.

It was later learned that after the hearing Taulane lodged warrants against all four defendants, charging them with aggravated assault and battery on James A. Carey and John H. Maurer and conspiracy to commit murder. These warrants were issued on affidavits made by Detective Callahan, head of the murder squad. Mr. Taulane said that they would be served on the defendants Saturday.

Before the hearing was held Mamie Layton, a negro, employed as a chambermaid in Benny's Hotel, on North Ninth street, arrested Falcone and Burkhart from among the men who were lined up in front of her. Thomas E. Lee, a vice squad policeman who was with George A. Eppley when the latter was killed, also identified Falcone. Benjamin Cutler, proprietor of the hotel, for some reason failed to identify any of the prisoners, although the chambermaid said that they were among the twelve men who were stopping at the hotel.

BURKHART BREAKS DOWN The positive identification made by Mamie Layton caused the New York police to take Burkhart to the District Attorney's office in New York. At first he refused to talk, but after a severe grilling announced that he would talk if it was kept out of the newspapers. He said that he feared the vengeance of those who were implicated with him. He admitted that he was one of the twelve men who went to Philadelphia on Tuesday, the day before election, for the purpose of playing rough house. He said that they were to meet at New York Wednesday. Here he stopped talking and could not be moved to speak further until the arrival of his aged mother and his sister. They urged him to tell the truth, and he then made a further statement.

After it was all over, he pleaded with Mr. Morik to drop the charges against him, promising that he would join the army and never return to New York. When Mr. Morik refused to listen to this plan, he turned to Detectives Callahan and Clark, the Bronx detectives who aided Falcone in capturing the four gunmen. They also shook their heads.

Burkhart burst into tears and cried in his mother's arms. Falcone was also brought up from the cell, but he failed to add anything of worth to the confession he had already made. Captain Wines said that District Attorney Francis Martin had gone to Philadelphia to confer with Mr. Rotan, and to find out what the police knew about the case. He intimated that District Attorney Martin had information which he offered to the Philadelphia authorities.

Mrs. Harriet C. Prevost Dead Mrs. Harriet Cornelia Prevost, widow of Sutherland Prevost, a former vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is dead at her home, 1811 Spruce street. The funeral will take place Friday morning. Services will be conducted at St. Michael's E. Church, Nineteenth and Lombard streets. Interment will be in Wilmington.

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MAYOR RUSHES INTO COURT, BUT JUDGE REFUSES INSTANT HEARING

Continued from Page One Witnesses who are unable to be here today," said Judge Brown. "If your Honor please," replied Colonel Potter, "it was our thought that we were bound to appear today or our bond would be in default. We have been very reliably informed that one of the witnesses was not prevented from appearing on account of illness, and we would suggest to you to designate a well-known surgeon to obtain information as to Mr. Carey's condition. We would suggest the following or any other well-known surgeon."

Colonel Potter then named Dr. William B. Van Lennep, Dr. Ernest La Place or Dr. W. Wayne Babcock, or two others whose names were just in the stir of the courtroom. JUDGE IS INDIGNANT Judge Brown seemed very much incensed at the apparent reflection that had been cast on Dr. J. Chambers Da Costa, who is now attending Carey. "I do not feel that the Court should cast reflection on so eminent a physician as Doctor Da Costa by appointing another physician to examine his patient," he said. "Doctor Da Costa reports to me that Mr. Carey was very ill and unable to leave his home."

"I am satisfied with any report made by Doctor Da Costa," Mr. Potter said in reply. "I did not know he was the surgeon in attendance." Mr. Potter then asked the Court to fix as early a date as possible because of the supreme importance of the case, both to the Mayor and the public. Judge Brown informed him that next Tuesday had been fixed as the hearing day, in Room 676, City Hall.

MAYOR'S COUNSEL SURPRISED The Mayor's counsel this afternoon made the following statement: "We were very much surprised to learn that the case against the Mayor has been continued, apparently on the export of the Mayor's counsel, and without any opportunity given to the Mayor to be heard, and to suggest that the sick witnesses be examined by a physician to ascertain their condition."

"The Mayor desires the case to be heard at the earliest moment. To that end we have requested of President Judge Charles L. Brown that the men alleged to be important witnesses be examined by a reputable physician, and we have suggested that either Doctor Van Lennep, Doctor Kirby, Doctor Babcock or Doctor Babcock be asked to examine the witnesses and make prompt report on their condition."

"The Mayor will be ready to go on with the case at the earliest moment and upon shortest notice."

SHELDON POTTER ARTHUR M. BEITLER, JAMES SCARLETT, WILLIAM ALIAS "WHITEY" BURKHARDT, one of the four men in custody in New York, has made a full confession to the Philadelphia politicians, political aspirants, a Magistrate, special detectives, policemen and Bronx gunmen.

So remarkable was the confession that Assistant District Attorney Taulane said he had received positive instructions not to divulge one line of it to the newspapers at the present time.

Mr. Taulane arrived last night with the following statement: "The confession—immediately sent into conference with Mr. Rotan."

Announcement was made by former Judge James Gay Gordon that the men who sought and paid the gunmen, to be known as James A. Carey, in a statement fasted directly through Judge Bonnett, said that the Fifth Ward police on election day even assisted the gunmen to escape after Detective Eppley had been killed.

This was denied by Lieutenant David Bennett, vice-Smith police commander at the Third and De Lancey streets station, who is under \$10,000 bail with the Mayor and Isaac Deutsch on murder conspiracy charges.

BENNETT "CAN'T IMAGINE" Asked if he believed that he was involved in the announcement that the New York authorities would have the names of the "men highest up" if the Philadelphia authorities failed to do so, Lieutenant Bennett said:

"No, I don't see how I can be, inasmuch as I had nothing to do with it. It might be some of Carey's old enemies, but I can't imagine who it is that is to be named."

"Could it mean Deutsch?" he was asked. "Maybe so," he replied. "I don't know. In fact, I didn't have as much power as one is led to believe. I had charge of my police, which I put on their regular beats and distributed at the polling place. In addition, there were six policemen from outside the ward at each polling place. I had very little to do with these. I only suggested that they be scattered throughout the district and arranged for the details of six at each polling place."

Declaring that he was confident of acquittal on the murder conspiracy charge, Bennett reiterated his statement that he would have criminal libel proceedings instituted against some of his accusers.

"As soon as things are straightened out and I know where I stand, I am going to go after them," he said. "I will strike back and strike hard. My only handicap is that I may not have enough money to go through

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BLANKENBURG WILL ADDRESS MEETING

"Warhorse of Reform" Promises to Appear at Big Protest Gathering

FEAR FOR HIS HEALTH

Former Mayor Blankenburg, the city's favorite "Warhorse of Reform," will answer Philadelphia's call to address its public mass-meeting to down political criminality forever.

"If it is the last public appearance I ever make, I will answer the call of Philadelphia," Blankenburg flashed the former executive, as his eyes snapped, in answer to the suggestion of his former secretary, Cyrus D. Foose, Jr., who feared for the ex-Mayor's physical ability to stand the strain of attending the Academy of Music meeting Thursday night.

In a statement by the committee organizing the "Town Meeting to Protest Against Government by Murder," the signers of the call were given today as follows: Cyrus D. Foose, Jr. (chairman); Albert Smith Paught and Howard B. Stophard, treasurer.

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Then Deutsch and Eddie Abrams got out of the car and went into the polling place. Then I left.

Shortly after the murder I saw Deutsch's car going south on Fifth street, at Lombard. In the car at the time were Falcone and Eddie Abrams. Abrams was driving. Falcone was sitting in the back seat on the right-hand side.

I also saw the raid on the Finletter Club from the second story front window. I was looking out of the window and saw a crowd of men in the street. Just before the riot broke out I recognized these men: Special Detective Wirtzhafer, Special Policeman Uram, Feldman, Bluebird and Comitta. I don't have time to identify any of the cops, but these policemen I know. As they came up the steps I yelled "Jimmy" Carey, who was on the third floor, to look out, as the riot had come. They yelled to me to sit down and mind my own business.

WONT TRANSFER BENNETT A further breach between District Attorney Rotan and Director Wilson is anticipated. Mr. Rotan also has asked that Bennett be removed. Director Wilson refused even to transfer the police lieutenant.

It was said that almost unlimited funds have been supplied to Clark and Sullivan, two fugitives from justice, to keep them out of town. Former Judge Gordon announced that he knew who was supplying the funds.

That thousands of dollars were appropriated for primary day terrorism in the Fifth Ward was revealed yesterday by witnesses of recent crimes and members of the "Frog Hollow Musketeers," imported to this city from New York.

The source of the "murder fund" is one of the problems which the prosecuting authorities of Philadelphia hope to solve in a few days. Through check accounts and bank balances of certain men closely allied with those interested in the upheaval of the political leaders in the ward, considerable information is expected to result.

District Attorney Rotan, his assistant, John H. Maurer, who was attacked last Wednesday, and James Gay Gordon, Jr., who was arrested, are directing the detectives in establishing the identity of the leading character in the financing of the gunmen's expedition. They uncovered enough to indicate that the preparations for supplying funds were made in the same businesslike way in which the gun fighters were recruited in the northern section of New York city.

From a fifteen-room lodging house on the borders of the Tenthelin to the fashionable Ritz-Carlton Hotel the investigators went in their efforts to trace the movements of the gunmen and their chauffeurs while they were preparing for the onslaught on the Fifth.

As a result of the inquiry along that line, the proprietor of the Hotel Benny, on Sixth street above Arch, the co-manager of the Keystone Hotel, on Market street above Fifteenth, and the assistant manager of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, were questioned by District Attorney Rotan.

Because of the highly important character of the information secured from the men summoned to the District Attorney's office before the day of the murder, District officials decided that in the best interests of their case the most essential details of their discovery should not be made public at present, and their chauffeurs, however, that as the result of the examination of many new witnesses, both residents of the Fifth Ward and hotel employes, his case was being completed.

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